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## REVOLT TRAGEDIES IN JAVA Many Dutch Civilians and Eurasians Killed

### Japanese Rescues 60 at Garuttown

BATAVIA, OCT. 15. INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS HAVE KILLED EUROPEANS AND EURASIANS WITHIN 12 MILES OF BATAVIA AND ARE ENGAGED IN SCATTERED FIGHTING IN JAVA'S INTERIOR, THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY ANETA REPORTED TO-DAY.

DR. SOEKARNO'S INSURGENT REGIME FOLLOWED ITS DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE DUTCH BY ORDERING THE SEIZURE OF ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY IN JAVA.

British Maj.-Gen. D. C. Haworth, the Allied commander, said a proclamation that looting, sabotage, bearing of arms and refusal to surrender arms are offences punishable by death applies only to Batavia.

Aneta said Indonesians took a number of Europeans and Eurasians from train October 12 and killed them.

A EURASIAN WITNESS SAID THE VICTIMS' BOLES, INCLUDING A EUROPEAN GIRL, WERE THROWN INTO A RIVER.

Over 20, including three Dutch and many Japanese, were killed during the past three days at Garuttown in Java's interior, Aneta reported.

Japanese troops from Bandung, 35 miles away, restored order after arriving in time to save 60 Dutch from execution, it was reported.

Indonesians mined the roads and attempted several ambushes of the Japanese column. Twenty Indonesians were killed.

JAPANESE OBEY ORDERS

Aneta said the Japanese were acting under the Allied directive to maintain order. Dutch dispatches said Soekarno's followers ordered a general war stoppage in the Batavia area.

Batavia Dutch hoped the expected arrival of British Lt.-Gen. Sir William Slim, allied commander of land, sea and air forces, might bring a firmer British stand.

SEIZE AIRFIELD

London, Oct. 15. Indonesian forces have seized control of an airfield near Batavia, according to a radio report picked up here.

Indonesians armed with captured Japanese weapons were reported gathering near the Java capital after cutting the city's communications lines. There were reports of repeated clashes, but Dutch sources in London were unable to supply details, explaining that their latest information was yesterday's news of the declaration of war by the Indonesians.

Doctor van Mook, Lieutenant-governor of the Netherlands Indies, and General Christison

### SHARP RISE IN SILVER

Melbourne, Oct. 15. The United States decision to raise the price of silver will greatly reduce the profits of the Australian Government Mint and increase the income from taxes on mining profits. Silver in Australia has risen from 2 shillings to 7 and a half pence to 4 shillings 7 pence. One shilling now contains 9 and a quarter pence worth of silver compared to 5 and a half pence previously. It is expected that the Mint profits of \$42,000 Sterling this year are no longer attainable. The Australian mines produce 14,000,000 ounces yearly and the increased price will add 1,350,000 Sterling to mine production.

—Renter.

### IN THE MILL

Tokyo, Oct. 14. British, Russian and Chinese troops will join American forces in the occupation of Japan, but there is no word from Washington on the size of the other Allied forces nor the date of arrival, an Allied headquarters spokesman said to-day.

He said discussions on joint occupation had been in the mill at least 80 days.—Associated Press.

## LARGE FIRES IN SAIGON AREA

SAIGON, OCT. 15. IN MINOR ATTACKS ON A HYDERABAD UNIT POST, TWO ANNAMITES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND OTHERS WERE DISPERSED BY 3-INCH MORTAR FIRE. LARGE FIRES WERE BURNING IN CHOLON, THE CHINATOWN ADJOINING SAIGON.

BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THE ANNAMITES THAT IF THEY ATTACK BRITISH TROOPS WHO ARE ACTING IN LINE OF DUTY, THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE SUMMARILY COURT-MARTIALED AND SHOT.

The British, however, said they did not know of any executions among the 800 surrendered Annamites.—Associated Press.

British Royal Air Force units aided by 100 Japanese soldiers, made a pre-dawn attack yesterday on natives who had assembled within 300 yards of the Saigon airport.

After a three-hour clash, the Annamites were pushed three miles from the air strip.

(A later dispatch said the Singapore radio reported the British had captured the headquarters of the Annamites' Viet Minh part in Indo-China.)

A communiqué said Gurkhas repulsed an Annamite attempt to cross the Saigon river after an attack on the docks there. Mortar and machinegun fire was exchanged in mid-Saigon in early morning.

### JAPANESE AID

The French said the Annamites attempted to infiltrate in the marketplace with probable Japanese aid. The natives used hand grenades and wounded a French soldier. They started several fires. Fires were raging yesterday day in Cholon, the Chinese settlement adjoining Saigon.

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## LAVAL POISON DRAWN

PARIS, OCT. 15. VICHY PREMIER PIERRE LAVAL ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THE FIRING SQUAD BY TAKING POISON IN HIS CELL JUST BEFORE HIS EXECUTION WAS DUE.

The prison doctors are working hard to save his life. At present, M. Laval hovers between life and death.

When the magistrates entered M. Laval's cell this morning at 8:45 a.m. (Paris Time) and told him he was about to be taken to be executed, M. Laval, turning his head away for an instant, suddenly stilled a small glass phial containing poison, into his mouth and a second later was rolling on the floor in agony.

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## Just A Shade Inconsistent

LONDON, OCT. 15. THE BRITISH PRESS CONTINUES TO SHOW KEEN INTEREST ABOUT THE PALESTINE SITUATION.

The veteran Labour journalist, Hannen Swaffer, writes in "People" that civil war may be started by the Arabs if homeless and desperate Jews are allowed entry and by the Jews unless they are granted leave to do so.

"Americans demand 'Let Jews in' and 'Give them a National Home' and their government withdraws all American troops from Palestine in case they get into the mess and does nothing to find a home for survivors of concentration camps who have close relatives in the United States, complains the journalist.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" says that "President Truman is considering advocating the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine in the place of the Arab State envisaged by the British in 1939."

President Truman does not press for this larger issue — at least for the time being — if the British government does something to meet his request that one hundred thousand displaced European Jews should be allowed as immigrants to Palestine.—Reuter.

### AVALOS BEGINS SHAKE-UP

Buenos Aires, Oct. 15.

Gen. Eduardo Avalos and Vice Admiral Vernengo Lima, the active leaders of the revised Argentine government, have shaken up the army high command.

It is reported that Avalos has asked all 14 Peron-appointed provincial governors to resign immediately.—Associated Press.

### RUSSIAN DOCUMENTARY

Luneberg, Oct. 14.

A Russian documentary film of the Auschwitz concentration camp was received at Luneberg yesterday for use in the prosecution case against 45 defendants in the war crimes trial of the Belsen and Auschwitz camp personnel.

Col. T. M. Bachhouse, the prosecutor, finished his cases against the defendants last Saturday, but he said he would ask the court's permission to reopen his case long enough to show the film on Monday morning.—Associated Press.

## NAAFI RIGHTS FOR CIVILIANS?

LONDON, OCT. 15. A SUGGESTION THAT ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO MAKE PURCHASES AT NAFFI CANTEENS AND CERTAIN OTHER PRIVILEGES, WAS PROMISED OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION AT A GOVERNMENT HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

The C-in-C, Admiral Harcourt indicated that it was Government's intention to try and do more for people who were not interned, but who had had as bad a time, if not worse.

It was easy, H.E. pointed out, to handle the problem of ex-internees, but those "outside" presented more complications. Early arrangements were naturally very rough and ready, but the whole question was under study, together with that of communal housing and feeding.

The "China Mail" understands that plans are already being discussed making provision for a civilian club, something on the lines of the Officers' Club in the Gloucester.

The Americans feel that the armistice with Italy is completely useless now. For one thing eighty per cent of its clauses are now obsolete and inoperative.

PRACTICAL NECESSITY. If only for practical reasons there should be a new modus vivendi arranging for free passage of troops, use of highways and harbours, support of forces remaining in Northern Italy and certain financial clauses which still remain in force.

Along with the acceptance of this document would go abrogation of the armistice which, although obsolete, in fact places Italy juridically still under the status of an enemy country deprived of many sovereign privileges as well as the right to join the United Nations.

Continuance of this degradation situation may lead to serious political results.

The Government feels it cannot hold elections while Italy is still occupied as an enemy country. She cannot make proper commercial agreements with other nations to help her desperate economic situation. And in spite of everything, she remains under the armistice terms which, in theory, are those of unconditional surrender.

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## Hong Kong As Key Point in Airways

PINGSHAN IS BEING SURVEYED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WITH A VIEW TO THE LAYING OUT OF AN EXTENSIVE MODERN AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE LATEST FOUR-ENGINE PLANE. BUT THE SURVEY HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED AND NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO EMBARK ON THE PINGSHAN PROJECT, WHICH WILL COST MILLIONS IN HONG KONG DOLLARS.

This was disclosed by official quarters yesterday.

It was, however, stressed that whether or not it is decided to go ahead with the Ping-shan scheme, or whether some alternative plan is adopted, it is essential that better facilities be provided than are available at Kai Tak, if Hong Kong is to take its place as a key point on the trunk routes between Europe and Asia and the Pacific.

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## Divorce Rush

London, Oct. 15. An English officer now waiting to marry Marshal Badoglio's daughter-in-law is one of eight thousand in Britain hoping to have their four-thousand marriages dissolved when the divorce courts shortly open for the next term.

More than twenty thousand British marriages have already been dissolved this year—the highest number on record.

In the first year after the last war the figure was only just over two thousand six hundred. But divorce was still something of a social crime in those days. Now it isn't.—Reuter.

## SYDNEY PARALYSIS

Sydney, Oct. 15. Industry in Sydney was paralyzed to-day when electricity was rationed, due to the strike in Sydney's main power station. Thirty thousand men are on strike in Newcastle and Port Kembla, where Australia's biggest steel furnaces are closed down.—Reuter.

**LATEST NOTICES**

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 19

**S.S. "EMPIRE LAGAN"**

The undesignated persons are requested to stand by in readiness to sail by the S.S. "Empire Lagan" which will be leaving for the United Kingdom on Friday (19th) or Saturday (20th) inst.

Sgt. B. A. Maher  
Cpl. R. Morrison  
Pte. W. D. MacMaster  
Mrs. P. Vardonoff  
Pte. A. G. Thawton  
Sgt. G. E. L. Johnson  
Mrs. M. Johnson  
Mr. J. Lee  
Mrs. Z. Komorsky  
Cpl. W. Houston  
Mrs. S. E. M. Humphrey  
Sgt. E. G. K. Humphrey  
Mrs. D. M. Paterson  
Mrs. H. J. Hunt  
Miss A. M. Hunt  
Miss E. O. K. Anstoy  
Miss O. Archibald  
Miss E. S. Aldins  
Mrs. M. O. Baldwin  
Miss M. N. Barker  
Miss A. Betzen  
Mrs. M. V. Blakie  
Mrs. L. W. Braga  
Miss J. P. Braga  
Miss R. M. Braga  
Mrs. R. Gilbert  
Miss G. Gilbert  
Mrs. A. Bielock  
Miss M. S. Watson  
Miss M. M. Tyrrell  
Mrs. M. White  
Miss M. White  
Master D. B. White  
Mr. J. W. Anderson  
R. W. Bateman  
J. V. Braga  
Dr. G. C. Canaval  
Mr. G. Crookshank  
N. V. A. Croucher  
D. L. Dawson  
P. B. Eadcock  
P. Gilbert  
W. Gillies  
G. Guerri  
J. Keayton  
J. Kinnaird  
H. Hallgreen  
A. C. H. Lay  
A. T. Ley  
J. D. McLochlin  
W. McLeod  
B. Plum  
E. P. Streetfield  
F. A. White  
J. Michie  
N. A. Kotbari

Mno. J. Franklin, POX10567.  
L/cpl. R. Drinkerwater, 1450/460.  
Pte. V. Simmons, 702/736.  
Pte. M. P. Kelly, 1499/036.  
Mno. J. R. Mumford,  
POX102007.

It is always desirable for repatriates to take a small folding stool, and a pillow. Plenty of old shorts and khaki shirts are desirable as washing facilities are generally small.

REPATRIATION OFFICER.  
16th October, 1945.

**NOTICE**

Information is required of the whereabouts of Next of Kin of the following members H.K.V.D.C. who are believed to have been killed or died:-

Pte. P. Edwards (No. 3 Coy.)  
Gnr. Chan U. Chan (5th Battery)  
Pte. Cheung Man Wah (Field Ambulance)

Gnr. Cheung W. Yee (5th Battery)

L/cpl. E. Hing (No. 3 Coy.)  
Gnr. L. K. Ho (1st Battery)

L/Bdr. Lao H. Nain (5th Battery)

Pte. T. S. Lau (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. A. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)

Pte. J. P. F. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
L/Cpl. K. H. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)

Pte. S. T. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)  
Pte. H. W. Lin (No. 3 Coy.)

Pte. Wm. Low (No. 7 Coy.)  
Cpl. P. L. Ng (No. 4 Coy.)

Gnr. K. K. Poon (5th Battery)  
Pte. S. E. Roberts (No. 3 Coy.)

L/Bdr. A. J. Roche (4th Battery)

Pte. R. A. Rapp (A. S. 1st Coy.)  
L/Bdr. F. Schneid (4th Battery)

Gnr. T. Wai Mun (5th Battery)

Gnr. A. Ulrich (5th Battery)

Gnr. P. H. Ulrich (5th Battery)

Gnr. Y. W. Yung (1st Battery)

There is no record of Next of Kin in H.K.V.D.C. records.

**E. N. THURSBY**

Major & Adjutant.

**H.K.V.D.C.****NOTICE**

The public are hereby informed that I have authorized HARRY ALAN TAYLOR to continue as "Superintendent" of the Import & Export Department until further notice.

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**HIROHITO'S  
LATEST**

The shifts and dodges exploited by Japanese close to Emperor Hirohito in efforts to represent the constitutional reform programme as emanating from the Emperor instead of from General MacArthur's headquarters, show very clearly that Japanese leadership remains gravely suspect. To attribute the fandangling to Oriental face-saving is too easy an explanation dangerous to accept. The Allies face a formidable enough task in bringing home to the Japanese people full consciousness of their war guilt and the real facts of the completeness of their defeat in every sphere of operation. Every trick of Hirohito and his advisers to misguide Japan is a challenge to General MacArthur. Every misrepresentation emphasizes that the real reason of Japan's collapse remains to be forced home. Already there is dissatisfaction in Australia with the course of events. It is not that General MacArthur's judgment is not trusted. But it is felt that if the handling of the show had had less of an all-American flavour, his task would have been rendered much easier. As it is, the Hirohito-Konoye combine needs the sharpest reminder that if the Emperor remains on his throne, it is only because it is an advantage to employ him as the one tool which at this particular moment can most satisfactorily smooth the way for the job in hand. Because of the blind fanaticism with which the Japanese obey their Emperor the surrender has been stage-managed with a minimum of difficulty. But there can be no question of leaving the Japanese people with the idea that the Imperial Person is sacrosanct, or worse, that the Allies accept an Imperial structure built upon belief in the Emperor's divinity. As long as he is permitted to remain, he must be considered no more than an impressive rubber stamp for the endorsement of the decisions of Allied Headquarters. It is a bitter pill for the Konoyes of Tokyo, maybe. But it is coated with a mixture of their own brawling, to which every horror in the calendar of human crime, perpetrated or sanctioned by them, has contributed. If they cannot take it quickly, forced down it must be.

**Another  
Escapee Back**

Another escapee from Hong Kong is back in the Colony. He is Pte. Anthony F. Carino, H.K.V.D.C. who went on A.W.O.L. from internment at Murray Barracks in the first days of January, 1942.

Pte. Carino, a Portuguese subject, went to Macao after discarding uniform and from there, after a stay of five months, to Kwailin where he joined the B.A.A.G. and later, the United States Army Services of Supply in June, 1943. In the last two years of the war, he was with the United States Air Corps Engineers 14th Army Air Force.

One of his jobs was delivering Lease-Lend Convoy Engineer Supplies to the Chinese National Government at Luchow.

**BLACKHEATH HONOURS  
WOODERSON**

London, Oct. 16. The British champion miler Sydney Wooderson, who recently announced his intention to run next year at three miles and five thousand metres instead of the miles to be honoured by his Club, London's Blackheath Harriers. They are to present him with an illuminated address to commemorate not only his great race at Gothenburg, when, although beaten by Arna Andarab, he ran the fastest mile ever done by an Englishman but also for the great services to British athletics in general and to his club in particular.—Reuter.

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**Shipowners  
To Meet On  
Fixed Fares**

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIXING OF OFFICIAL PASSENGER FARES FROM HONG KONG TO CANTON AND MACAO, THE "CHINA MAIL" IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CAPT. YANG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF YU CHEONG SHIPPING AND TRADING CO., LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT A MEETING OF SHIP-OWNERS WILL BE CALLED SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS AN APPROACH TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR A REVISION OF FARES.

Capt. Yang stated that hitherto the fare for a saloon passenger has been \$160. The official rate is now fixed at \$18, while a steerage ticket has been brought down from \$30 to \$40.

Urging the hardship to shipping companies, Capt. Yang said that the amount of coal provided at official rates was not sufficient to meet the needs. The present price of a ton of coal was \$8, and now the black market rate is \$800. The requirement for the round trip to Canton is 80 tons.

Very little income is derived from freight in exports from Hong Kong. Salt fish, which was exported to a very large extent, is on the banned list.

The Yu Cheong Company have two vessels plying under its flag. The Hoi Chu, of 700 gross tons, is on the Hong Kong-Canton run, while the Fook Tai (400 tons) is on the service to Macao. Each vessel does four trips a month. Capt. Yang said yesterday that in view of the fixed rates, the services might be stopped or curtailed. However, this would depend on the meeting to be convened shortly, and the official response to representations by shipowners.

Capt. Yang was, prior to the war, Marine Superintendent of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

**Italy's Hyde Park**

ROME, OCT. 15. A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 20,000, CARRYING RED BANNERS, PACKED THE HISTORIC RUINS OF THE GREAT AMPHITHEATRE ON ROME'S PALANTINE HILL ON SUNDAY IN A COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Similar mass meetings were held throughout Italy.

The meetings appeared to have been designed more as a leftist show of strength than a demonstration for early elections since the Communist and Socialist members of the government are aware that elections are impossible this year.

Premier Parrini said recently that elections will not be held until Italy is regarded, as at least a provisional sovereignty.

The speakers in Rome drew the greatest applause with anti-war slogans. One Communist leader called for an end to Allied occupation so "we can govern ourselves."

—Associated Press.

**JAP ATROCITIES  
ON QUEMOY**

Chungking, Oct. 15. It was disclosed here to-day that the Japanese forced the inhabitants of the tiny island of Quemoy, off the Fukien Coast to smoke opium produced from poppies which the Japanese compelled them to grow during the years of the war. Every Chinese woman and girl aged between fourteen and forty who lived on the island was forced to serve in rotation in the three so-called comfort-houses, which were actually Japanese army brothels.

When the Japanese started their offensive in Eastern Kwantung last April they took more than fourteen hundred Chinese coolies and eight hundred pack animals, none of whom have been seen since.

The people of the island now demand that the Japanese officer responsible for the atrocities, General Tokumoto, be added to the list of war criminals.—Reuter.

**WINNIE UNWELL**

London, Oct. 15. Mr. Churchill is confined to his house with a sore throat and it is now thought that he will be unable to attend either to-morrow's parliamentary debate on the sunsites and borrows bill or the housing debate on Wednesday.

Mr. Churchill was to have led the Opposition in both these debates, and parliamentary circles have been looking forward to his crossing swords with the Minister for Housing, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, on Wednesday.

Mr. Churchill, who will be absent one more month, was yesterday visited by Lord Mountbatten.

It is stated that there is no chest complication.—Reuter.

**LAST RUN**

London, Oct. 15. The final edition of "Star" and "Strife," the U.S. army newspaper paid salutes on Sunday to President Truman, General Eisenhower, Prime Minister Attlee and

**Bulging Files  
Greet U.S. Consul**

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN HONG KONG WAS OPENED OFFICIALLY YESTERDAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A VICE-CONSUL, MR. STEPHEN C. BROWN, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE LONDON EMBASSY FOR THREE YEARS. HE LEFT SHANGHAI JUST BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

AMERICAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT THE CONSULATE DUTIES PARTIALLY, PENDING HIS ARRIVAL.

One of the bulging files awaiting the consul's attention contains the names of American-born Chinese or those with relatives there who want to go to the United States.

More than 200 persons have lost their names, hoping to get relief from the American government or repatriation, or both. The ordeal of the year's war and the participation of American troops in the war in China seem to have emphasized the United States as a promised land to many Chinese.

Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act by the United States undoubtedly is another factor, although the quota of Chinese immigrants allowed is very small.

**MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS**  
Employees at the office during the military administration of it expressed the belief that most applicants will be disappointed because they let their American citizenship obligations lapse. Others have expressed hopes of getting into the United States just because relatives live there or because a child was born there.

The new vice-consul found the consulate quarters in perfect condition. The Japanese respected the property probably more than any in Hong Kong because even paper clips and typewriters were undisturbed, which was in sharp contrast to many looted Hong Kong offices.

**ITALY'S HYDE PARK**

A 26-YEAR-OLD INDIAN WATCHMAN, GHULAM NABI, WAS CHARGED AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, WITH THE MURDER OF ANOTHER WATCHMAN, GHULAM ALI, AT NO. 1C, STANLEY STREET, ON SEPTEMBER 8.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Squadron Leader Peter Russell of R.A.F. and Captain Lewis David Jefferies, South Wales Borders, comprised the Court.

Mr. A. el Arcilli pleaded not guilty for the accused, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, assisted by Chief Detective Inspector Cunningham, was for the prosecution.

Mr. Brooks said the accused, deceased and some other Indians were employed at the Gloucester Hotel, and were living in their staff quarters at No. 1C, Stanley Street.

On the night of September 8, a waiter, Ho Man, who was also living in the premises, was having a bath at about 9.30 pm when he heard some shouting in the street. He rushed to the verandah but could not see anything. He woke four Indian watchmen who were sleeping at the time, and went down to the street where Ho saw the body of accused on the side channel, near the entrance to No. 1C, Stanley Street.

Meantime Sergeant Wilcox, Central Police Station, received a report about the crime and went immediately to the place of "Operation Zipper" (Assault by L.C.A.s etc. on Port Dickson and Fort Swettenham—which was not needed).

"How thoroughly these men carried out their new assignment, I can truly say these 7 days were the happiest I spent—not only in 8 years 8 months, but in 5 years. Not only in material comforts and entertainment did they do a good job, but every evening we had talks from men who had actually directed affairs and been in things; on Russia and East Coast Convoy"—"Dunkirk" —"Anti-U-Boat War in the Atlantic" and "D-Day Assault."

"For news-hungry, rumour crammed folks, what finer way of catching up with all that has happened!"

"The 'Glengyle' liked us too. Their chief officers, R.N.R., R.N.V.R. and not forgetting the Royal Marines, accompanied us out of Colombo Harbour—after we transhipped in 'Glengyle' 10 a.m., and were transhipped 11.30 a.m., and were on our way to Bombay by 12.30 p.m. Speed."

"Now this ship is Red Ensign, a combination of Government and P. & O. (the English language can be no explicit in understanding). I have spent a large part of the 25 we were given in buying tinned salmon, marmalade and sweetened milk to take home as a surprise gift from a 'destitute' to a 'rationed' family. What a glorious feeling it is to be able to give something to someone else!"

**H.K.V.D.C. MAIL OFFER**

An I.R.C. representative has kindly offered to take mail for H.K.V.D.C. personnel to Shanghai. He expects to leave about 20th inst. Many volunteers wishing to take advantage of this kindness should apply to him at his post office, 12th Floor, H.Q. Mail in awaiting collection for:

H. T. Harrold, J. W. Anderson, G. A. Goodwin, J. S. Gomes, Tom Boon, Choo, G. E. Roylance, A. V. Skovronsky, G. E. R. Johnson, E. Ribaldo, A. M. J. Wright, Henry de So, Alfred Fisher, Walter J. Brown, Edgar Thompson, M. J. Dolgardo, R. A. Castro.

Mail to be awaiting collection for:

London, Oct. 16. Sunichi Matsumoto, former Vice-Foreign Minister in Tokyo, was a cabinet member, has been appointed head of the Committee, considering revision of the Japanese constitution, states the new Japanese News Agency.

The reorganization of the Imperial Palace, which was damaged by an air raid on May 25, will not be started for the present. "In view of the condition of the general air raid sufferers," according to an official announcement.—Reuter.

**MATSUMOTO'S TASK**

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# Fifty-Three-Hour Rail Trip To Canton

**A STUDY IN CONTRASTS**

AN ASTHMATIC LOCOMOTIVE COUGHING UP AND DOWN THE LINE IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH PRIORITY CALLS SENT OUT BY CHINESE ARMY PERSONNEL EN ROUTE TO KOWLOON PROVIDED OUR REPORTER WITH 53 HOURS OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRAVEL.

TWENTY-FOUR OF THESE WERE SPENT AT SHEK-LUNG, LARGEST CITY ON THE LINE. HERE THE NEW FIRST-ARMY HAD ALREADY DISARMED THE JAPANESE GARRISON AND DISPATCHED THEM BY BOAT TO TUNG KUN. THIS UNIT IS MOVING SLOWLY UP THE LINE, ATTENDING TO DISARMING DUTIES.

Large arms depots have been established in Sheklung where at every stage of the journey as to the probable time that Canton would be reached and night fell on the train in Japanese-policed pilled-up captured material. This includes many Japanese army trucks, most of them in rickety condition as a result of lack of repair facilities.

The journey commenced at Yau-mati Railway Station shortly after 10 p.m. on October 9, Flying Officer H. Lees, D.F.C., providing our reporter with a jeep-ride to that station from Tamshutsui. F.O. Lees is transport manager for the British section of the line.

The journey to Louwu was uneventful, company being provided by three Commando ranks, Fanning-bound. Acquaintance was struck up here with one Chinese student, bent on a University career in Canton.

**TICKET NO. 2**

At Louwu, our reporter alighted and followed the railtrack to Shum-chun "bridge," which he crossed rather precariously, being in sandals, to be met half-way across by a Chinese vegetable hawker balancing two large baskets on a pole and completely blocking the way!

A two-sided tirade of abuse resulted, the vegetable hawker refusing to give way. The balancing antics that followed in getting around provided the only nervous moment of the whole journey.

At Shumchun the train for Tai Sha Tau (Canton's main station) was waiting with steam-up and the journey commenced a few minutes later. The ticket-seller started his rounds and our reporter purchased Ticket No. 00002 of the new rail service. It cost 1,470 Chinese National dollars.

The first six stations were occupied by the Chinese 13th Army who were largely disinterested in the train's passengers. The locomotive, fueled with firewood, was attempting to pull 12 coaches and was making very slow work of it.

**ENGINE TROUBLE**

Stretches that tunnels, bridges and rails were in a sadly dilapidated state were disproved by the actual progress through and over them. The locomotive, managed by a gang of Japanese railwaymen, was. There were frequent stops between stations to get steam up and progress was seldom faster than about 15 miles per hour.

Conductor, station-masters,

## I.L.O. READY FOR SWAP

PARIS, OCT. 15. GOVERNMENT, LABOUR AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES FROM 50 COUNTRIES WERE IN PARIS TO-DAY FOR THE 27TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

One of the main jobs facing them was how to adapt the offshoot of the old League of Nations into the new United Nations set-up.

The conference, continuing for three weeks, is expected to take up resolutions to strike out of its constitution all references to the League and to make other changes that would permit the I.L.O. to apply for direct relationship with the United Nations organization.

Proposals also are expected that would guide the I.L.O. countries in formulating their policies on maintenance of a stable level of employment through post-war readjustment period; improvement in the welfare of children and young workers and social conditions in dependent countries.

Associated Press.

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This includes many Japanese army trucks, most of them in rickety condition as a result of lack of repair facilities.

With the onset of darkness, a contingent of Japanese Medical Corps men boarded the train, bound for Canton. Five of them crowded into our compartment and immediately asked for news of Japan. They were carrying a load of Japanese sweets, peanuts and bananas and were lavish in their gifts to Chinese passengers in adjoining compartments, and kept fingerling rolls of National Dollar notes, making fresh purchases at each stop. General conversation, conducted in the mixed Japanese-Cantonese common to Hong Kong life under Japanese occupation, revealed that all were quite certain they would remain in China. One spoke of business connections he had already made and another was thinking of purchasing some land.

**MONKEY-HUDDLE**  
The train's window-sashes were nearly all out of order and a stop for the night was made in the middle of a vast area of paddy-field under water. A piercing cold wind arose to complicate sleeping arrangements, the window refused to stay closed, and the Japanese finally spread a rough linen groundsheet over all.

Later in the night a Chinese soldier came in from another coach and after some exchange of conversation was admitted into the group. The cold kept creeping in underfoot, however, and there was little sleep till the early hours of the morning. Movements during the night resulted in a morning picture of five Japanese, two Chinese and one "China Mail" reporting awakening in a regular monkey-huddle group!

**SHEKLUCK WELCOME**  
The train majestically started again after the locomotive had turned up from some mysterious destination it had sped to during the night and a half-hour of travel brought it to Sheklung. Here, all alighted for breakfast, there being a restaurant service in mat-huts beside the line and the principal surprise was the comparative cheapness of all edibles—eggs, Chinese sausage and vegetables—in relation to prevalent prices in Hong Kong.

For C.N.\$220, our reporter had a better meal than any served up recently in Hong Kong and had four boiled eggs thrown in into the bargain. There were vague rumours of a delay of two hours, four hours, six hours—but this stretched in time to 24, most of it spent in touring Sheklung.

After an all-night wait at the station there, the train, all of which had mysteriously disappeared, turned up again, setting off at 10 a.m. and arriving in Canton without further mishap, or re-quarantine, some five hours later.

Washington, Oct. 15. The supreme court adjourned to-day for all Justices to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Brandeis, widow of the late Justice Louis Brandeis.—Associated Press.

**NOTICE**

The Public is reminded that it is an offence under the Summary Offences Ordinance, Ord. No. 40 of 1932, to perform any of the following acts without prior permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

1. Discharge any firework.  
2. Play any musical instrument or beat any drum or gong in any public street or road. (This does not apply to music reasonably performed in connection with funerals or marriages).

3. In any public place, to organise, equip or take part in any procession. (This does not apply to funerals or marriage processions).  
4. In any public place to post up or exhibit, or cause to be posted up or exhibited, any notice or proclamation in the Chinese language. (This does not apply to Government notices).

**NOTICE**  
Under Section 18 of the same Ordinance, it is an offence to organize or take part in any public meeting not being a meeting solely for religious worship held without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

W. I. A. B. SPAKBOW,  
R. A. WICKERSON,  
Acting Custodian of Property,  
Vice-Chairman, 13th October, 1945.

R. C. K. HAWKINS,  
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

## BRITAIN MUST DECIDE SAYS INDIAN LEADER

LONDON, OCT. 15. MR. JOSHI, 70-YEAR OLD GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS, TOLD "REYNOLDS NEWS" "AT THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR ELECTION PROGRAMME."

**A HELPING HAND, HOWEVER, FROM BRITISH DEMOCRACY—THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD—WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL SECTIONS."**

He welcomed the suggestion that an All-Party Parliamentary delegation should be present in India during the election. "The very presence of such a delegation would encourage the democratic forces in India," Mr. Joshi added.

As to the possibility of securing free and democratic elections, Joshi said, "the British Government has not yet fully appreciated the strength of public opinion in India calling for the abrogation of irksome and unnecessary ordinances still in operation."

"They affect the freedom of the press, assembly and speech. There is no valid reason for their continuation now that war is over."

"Another point is that there are still thousands of political prisoners who are held in gaol detained without trial and some sentenced to various terms of imprisonment."

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Bids, in sealed covers, should be left at the Acting Custodian's Office, Second floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Victoria, on or before noon 20th October, 1945.

Signed T. R. BOWELL,  
Colonel C. A.  
Central Executive Branch

POLICE NOTICE  
STRAY DOGS.

Dog owners are warned that all stray dogs will be shot by police or service patrols.

R. A. WICKERSON,  
CONTROLLER OF  
GODOWNS.

Acting Custodian of Property,  
Vice-Chairman, 13th October, 1945.

R. C. K. HAWKINS,  
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## Japanese Industry To Be Aided

LONDON, Oct. 15. WHILE ITALY'S people go short in housing and food, 74-year-old Marshal Badoglio, the man who signed the armistice terms with the allies is to-day living in a state of self-imposed semi-seige in his palatial villa on Rome's outskirts.

Its gates are heavily chained and padlocked. A strong cordon of police constantly guard the high walls surrounding its extensive grounds. "What is Badoglio shy of? Not of the allies, I understand," says Reuter's correspondent, "but of his own countrymen, with apparent reason."

Stones, missiles, threatening notes and even bottles have been hurled over his high walls.

He has, however, the consolation of comfort and company. Those who have been inside will say it is the last word in "Hollywood luxury" with subdued lighting, radio-gramophone, telephone, magnificent furniture in every room, while a swimming pool stands on the fourth floor.

**HOMELESS PREMIER**  
While Italy's former Leader hides in luxury his country's present Premier, Ferruccio Parri, works amidst discomfort. He is earning the nickname of "The homeless Premier of a homeless nation."

Parri is unable so far to find an apartment for his family now living in one room in a friend's flat. When he first reached Rome

from the North to take up the post of Premier he had a small bed set up in the office. Here he slept for some weeks before a friend took pity on him.—Reuter.

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(Please note the change of time.)

Large Japanese petroleum stocks held by the occupation forces will be released for distribution through the Home Ministry. The Japanese will be required to report the monthly disposition of petroleum, according to consumer categories, such as fishing boats, household fuels.

The financial newspaper "Nippon Sangyo Keizai" reported the first big concern to be dissolved will be Yasuda. It said the Yasuda combine, which controls 20 corporations and is financially interested in 24 others, has announced its plans to dissolve.

Associated Press.

Australian-born Australian Chinese Volunteers and their families, who desire repatriation, should now apply in writing to the Adjutant H.K.V.D.C. forwarding naturalization papers if in their possession.

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In Re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945,

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## ACTIVITIES OF ATIS

TOKYO, OCT. 14. THE ALLIED TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER SECTION (KNOWN AS ATIS), COMPOSED PRINCIPALLY OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS, STUDIED EVERY DOCUMENT SEIZED IN THE PACIFIC WAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

ATIS, made up primarily of American-born or American-educated youths of Japanese parentage, knew the location of many Japanese and their officers by name and rosters. Captured enemy documents sometimes proved of value within 20 minutes after seizure.

This is the first disclosure of the extensive work done against the Japanese by the Japanese-Americans.

The Nazis included some who were removed from Corregidor before the Japanese seizure.

ATIS commander in Col. Sidney Mashbir, who said: "If the Japanese had captured them, it would have meant indescribable horror to them and their relatives in Japan."

The organization classified 2,000,000 Japanese documents, made 20,000,000 translations, questioned thousands of Japanese prisoners. Many war crimes are linked to individual Japanese by captured diaries. — Associated Press.

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W. L. A. B. SPARROW,  
Commissioner of Police,  
13th October, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG  
PROCLAMATION NO. 6  
MORATORIUM  
ARTICLE 3 (2)  
AUTHORIZATION

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Article 3 of the above Proclamation I hereby authorize as follows:

As from Wednesday, 17th of October, 1945, any financial institution previously authorised to circulate currency may reopen for the purpose specified below.

#### SPECIFIED PURPOSE

The receipt and withdrawal in currency treated as legal tender by the British Military Administration of new deposits and the making of new advances.

DATED this 13th day of October, 1945.

O. G. FOLLOWS  
Finance Controller

#### CONTROL AND ALLOCATION OF LIGHTERS

As from Monday, 16th October, all applications for the use of lighters and tugs should be made to the L. W. T. Lighterage Office (Tel. No. 50642), situated in the Sea Transport Office, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon. At least 24 hours notice of requirements should be given if possible.

CAPTAIN W. J. MOORE, R.N.R.  
Divisional Sea Transport Officer,

#### NOTICE

All persons who can furnish any information as to the present whereabouts of any property vested in the CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY on the 26th day of December, 1941, or of the records or any paper documents, etc., belonging or appertaining to the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, Supreme Court, are required to communicate with the undersigned.

R. A. WICKERSON  
ACTING CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY

Mercantile Bank Building,  
2nd floor.

CHUNGKING, OCT. 16. THE PROSPECTS OF SPENDING ANOTHER WINTER IN CHUNGKING LOOK A BIT DREARY FOR AMERICANS, BRITISH AND CHINESE OFFICIALS WHO HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO A SPEEDY TRANSFER TO NANKING OR SHANGHAI. NOW THEY SEE, INSTEAD OF A NICELY HEATED SHANGHAI FLAT, THE PROSPECT OF HUDDLING IN OVERCOATS AND RUBBING THEIR HANDS FOR WARMTH, AS MANY OF THEM HAVE DONE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

## Grim Tale From Austria

Vienna, Oct. 16.

The Austrian Provisional Government has made an urgent appeal to the Allies to save the country from the "locust cloud" of refugees, numbering almost one million, about to descend on Lower Austria.

Three to four hundred thousand Germans from all the Balkan countries have been assembled on the Austro-Hungarian frontier for dumping on Austria. Another 500,000 are expected to spill over from the planned expulsion of Germans from Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia.

Already, there are more than 300,000 German refugees in Lower Austria, which had a normal population of 800,000 and now in addition has to support Russian forces numbering more than 500,000.

The Austrian authorities feel that unless a halt is called to the coming of these Germans, it will be impossible to prevent terrible epidemics this winter. The typhus problem is reappearing.

A train started sixteen days ago from Maribor in Yugoslavia with 650 German women and children and a few men from South-West Hungary. Since they left Maribor in cattle trucks on September 27th they have had no food apart from what they brought with them.

They were shunted through Soviet-occupied Hungary and brought into the Russian zone of Austria. At Vienna it was turned back again as there is nowhere for people and it is still in a siding at Wildensteiner, while children and women go insane.

The Russian Commander has ordered the Burgomaster of Bruck to feed them but he has no food to spare.

Millions of Reichsmarks from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary are also being dumped since the Russians vetoed any currency conversion scheme and this threatens Austria with inflation. Reuter.

## British Dock Strike

LONDON, OCT. 15.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING SUNDAY TO MOVE MORE TROOPS TO REPLACE BRITAIN'S STRIKING DOCK WORKERS WHILE A BRITISH COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THE DELAY IN FORCING A SETTLEMENT OF THE LABOUR DISPUTE IS "PLAYING WITH FIRE THAT CAN SPREAD TO HUGE PROPORTIONS."

All docks were idle Sunday in the normal Sabbath shutdown but the war office announced that the number of soldiers assigned to unloading food ships would be nearly doubled Monday.

In a Belfast strike meeting Harry Pollitt, secretary of the British Communist party, asserted that the government should have forced employers to meet the dock union representatives to seek a settlement of the three-week-old dispute.

There is an urgent need for all-around speeding up of all trade union negotiations and arbitration machinery," Pollitt said.

"The whole responsibility for the future course of industrial relations now depends upon the closest cooperation between the working classes, their trade unions and the government." — Associated Press.

London, Oct. 16. While soldiers worked on London docks to unload badly needed food supplies, it was reported some striking dock workers would return to work at once, to relieve what has become a critical situation. — Associated Press.

Many factories in Chungking, unable to meet the strain of production against mounting costs and scarcity of supplies, have closed down, and for the first time since the seat of government was established in Chungking in November, 1937, the city is faced with the probability of large scale unemployment.

Foreigners who find their ranks greatly depleted by the impending transfer of General Wedemeyer's headquarters to Shanghai, drink their synthetic Chungking vodka as of old, but it tastes even more unpalatable in the face of accounts from the coastal cities of plentiful supplies of good whisky, beer and other things that gladden the heart.

#### CHUNGKING PRICES

While prices of some commodities have declined, the cost of food has remained at the same high level it was when war ended, and luxury goods are quoted at suspiciously reminiscent wartime figures.

An egg costs \$40 (roughly about one-third of a Hong Kong dollar). A modest three-course Chinese meal \$2,000; a pound of coffee \$3,000 to \$6,000 a can; a can of milk \$1,500; a packet of American cigarettes \$1,500.

A pair of wearable shoes costs from \$8,000 to \$12,000. Most people dispense with luxuries and curtail as far as possible their purchases of necessities.

#### WATER SHORTAGE

But the rich and poor suffer alike when it comes to the inconveniences caused by present water shortages brought about by the conservation by power plants of limited supplies of coal. Water is carried by hard-working coolies who sell it for \$860 a bucket. In a house occupied by a group of United States naval officers there has been no water for the past fortnight. Correspondents in the press hostel are more fortunate. They have running water for three to six hours a day, but it is liable to complete interruption at any time. — Associated Press.

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## Britain's Huge Wool Accumulation

WASHINGTON, OCT. 15. THE UNITED KINGDOM STOCKPILE OF 4,000,000,000 POUNDS OF WOOL IS CASTING A DARK SHADOW ACROSS THE RANGELANDS OF AMERICA.

Wool growers see the huge accumulation as a threat to prices in their industry. They intend to try to do something to prevent it.

Congressman Barrett of Wyoming, a big wool producing State, said Britain and the Dominions have an agreement under which the British purchase all wool produced within the empire.

Normal consumption of wool in the United States is expected to be 700,000,000 tons a year.

Barrett predicted that for about 18 years the United States wool growers will find the world price controlled by the United Kingdom, and the best market the United Kingdom will have, if its wool will be the United States.

#### FORCING PRICE DOWN

Barrett said the British feel the best way to compete against substitutes is to reduce the price of wool, so "they intend to force the price of wool down and wool buyers in this country will purchase British offerings at floor prices."

He declared that wool production costs in the empire are much lower than in the United States, and British floor prices will be considerably under the cost of U.S. production.

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Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 15. Commander Hui Ping Lin, inspecting shipyards here with 21 Chinese naval officers, said: "I don't know what government will decide, but I think we should devote our attention mostly to 10,000-ton cruisers and destroyers." — Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 15. The Joint Congressional Committee set up in response to the widespread demand for a thorough investigation of the Pearl Harbour disaster has begun its preliminary review of the evidence submitted by the War and Navy Departments. — Reuter.

## KAMO MARU HITS MINE AND SINKS

TOKYO, Oct. 16. The "Kamo Maru" bound from Kyushu to Honshu with 600 passengers on board, struck a mine and sank very quickly. It is feared that at least 500 lives were lost. — Reuter.

## 90,000 Chinese Troops Pass Through

NEARLY 90,000 CHINESE TROOPS ARE EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH HONG KONG TO DESTINATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE CHINESE HIGH COMMAND, IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY.

Seven thousand are quartered in Kowloon Tong, but far larger numbers are waiting in the districts beyond Shumensun.

Officially indicated was that delay in transhipment would not be remedied for about a week. Transports expected about the time Admiral Buckmaster's units steamed into Hong Kong, are not now coming until October 23.

A visit to Kowloon Tong revealed that the 18th Army units are contentedly housed in the area from Suffolk Road back to the foothills, with the railway reserve in use as a parade ground and sportsfield.

Sentries armed with tommy-guns are posted at the entrance to the camp compound, and in front of each billet. Many of them wear steel helmets of the most modern type, and all of them look fit and sturdy. Much work has been done cleaning up after the Japanese, and the appearance of the billeting area generally is notably spick and span.

Many houses were badly damaged by looters during the Japanese occupation, but the Chinese troops have made the best of things and the sight of cheerful faces almost without exception told its own story.

(Continued from Page 1) port immediately to their barracks in South Holland from where the battalion will leave immediately for the Netherlands East Indies, according to the Dutch radio. The Netherlands Overseas Minister Professor Logemann, to-day stated that the Netherlands Government was sure the occupation forces at present in Java could intervene immediately if the Indonesians carried out their threat of waging war on the Dutch, Eurasians and Ambones.

Plans for the immediate shipment of a number of battalions of Dutch troops who are still in Britain were made when the Dutch Foreign Minister, Professor Van Kleefens, was in London last week, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

#### BARRICADES IN BATAVIA

A despatch from Batavia to-night said that the city had been placed under allied military administration as from to-day.

Clashes continued to take place in the city and road blocks and barricades have begun to reappear.

The Commander of the Allied Forces in Java has issued a proclamation taking over control of law and order, public utility and health service and food supplies.

Offences against the Military Administration listed by the proclamation includes: Sabotage, looting, strikes in public utility concerns, refusal to sell the necessities of life on racial grounds and the carrying of arms by anyone, except the allied forces and uniformed policemen. All public meetings inciting to disorder or which themselves become disorderly are prohibited.

#### BANDOENG RETAKEN

The city and airfield of Bandung are now back in Japanese hands after a series of clashes but the Japanese garrison at Srang sixty miles North-East of Batavia has had to withdraw to Sorong.

In the Sourabaya area, extremists are rising not only against the Japanese but against the Nationalists as well.

A Netherlands news agency correspondent reported from Bandung to-day that about fifty Japanese and Indonesians were killed in clashes in that town over the weekend. — Reuter.

#### HOPES RAISED

Batavia, Oct. 15. The arrival here on Sunday of Lieutenant-General Sir William Slim, famous Commander of the 14th Army in Burma, raised hopes of an early bottling-out of the trouble throughout Java.

One of his first orders is expected to be to the Japanese commander, Lieutenant-General Nagano Yushio, to enforce the surrender conditions. — Reuter.

## RUSSIANS SEEK OPEL PLANT

LONDON, OCT. 16. INFORMATION RECEIVED IN LONDON CONFIRMS THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE ASKED FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF THE OPEL MOTOR WORKS, OWNED BY THE GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, AS PART OF THEIR REPARATIONS FROM WESTERN GERMANY. THEY ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ASKED FOR OTHER PLANTS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE INCLUDING THE I.G. FARBNEN CHEMICAL AND DYE TRUST, BUT IN THE CASE OF THE OPEL WORKS, THEY REALISED THAT AMERICAN PROPERTY WAS INVOLVED AND OFFERED TO BUY OUT GENERAL MOTORS FOR A LARGE SUM IN GERMAN MARKS.

The main plant is at Rüsselsheim in American occupied Germany and, contrary to popular belief here, was not spared by R.A.F. bombers. Rüsselsheim was severely bombed twice. Half the buildings were totally destroyed and the rest partially destroyed and only ninety per cent of the equipment remained intact, which makes it such a valuable prize.

The OpeL plant at Brandenburg was largely destroyed in bombing raids and being in the Russian zone of occupation, everything movable was moved and taken to Russia, in accordance with the policy being pursued throughout the Russian zone.

It is understood that General Motors is putting in a claim for what was taken.

#### NOTHING DECIDED

The whole question of what constitutes reparations and what must be restored to previous owners was fought over here during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers and while much progress was made, nothing was decided at the end, in accordance with Molotov's dictum that "there were no decisions."

Consequently, although an agreement has been reached in principle and on paper, nothing has been changed in practice.

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## DAVIS CUP AGAIN SOON

London, Oct. 15. England may enter the field for the Davis Cup which the holders (Australia) have put up for competition.

Mr. H. A. Sabelli, Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association for thirty-four years, sees no reason why Britain should not take her chance. He states: "We have to make a start some time and we would have everything to gain in letting our players make the Davis Cup bid."

After six years of war England would be putting in the field on almost entirely if not completely new side.

It is not yet possible to say whether Wimbledon will be ready for action next Summer but the centre court is in an excellent condition and the tournament would undoubtedly bring teams from America and the Continent. — Reuter.

## POLICE ARRESTS FOLLOW PIRACY

Cargo and money (\$300) to the total value of \$2,500 was stolen when four men, masked and armed with revolvers, pirated a Chinese trading junk off San Mun, in British waters, at about 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The junk was en route to Hong Kong when another junk fired on her and forced her to stop.

The haul comprised peanut oil, eggs and beeswax. Police recovered 800 eggs, 45 catties of beeswax and a pair of shoes and three suspects were arrested. Investigations are continuing.

## INCEND